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"6. The type of armament expended and the distance from friendly forces at which close air support is normally conducted." (S)

STAG Comment. (TS) The type armament expended in close air support includes 100-lb bombs, 250-lb bombs, 750-lb bombs, napalm, 2.75 rockets, 5in rockets, CBU-2, CBU-14, and 20mm cannon fire. The COACT files prior to October 1965 did not include CAS actions and the MILREPS do not include a complete breakdown of ordnance expenditure by type mission. However, generally standard loads are carried for CAS, interdiction and armed recce. Pre-planned interdiction flights may carry heavier type ordnance loads when operating independent from CAS. Ground reports indicate CAS operates within the ground battle area. FACs have directed air strikes on the enemy engaged in fire fights with friendly forces. There have been isolated instances of air strikes hitting friendly forces but these have been rare. In a few instances where friendly forces are entrenched air strikes against the Viet Cong have been deliberately called into friendly perimeters.

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